

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pressure plate assembly for a friction clutch, said assembly comprising:

a housing having an axis of rotation;

a pressure plate connected to said housing for rotation in common about said axis;

a force exerting arrangement supported against said housing and said pressure plate along a path of support so that it can urge said pressure plate away from said housing; and

a wear take-up device comprising a wear take-up element in the path of support between the force exerting arrangement and one of said housing and said pressure plate, a carrier bolt fixed to said one of said housing and said pressure plate, and a manually operable adjusting element [~~movably~~] rotatably supported on said [~~one of said housing and said pressure plate~~] carrier bolt, said manually operated adjusting element engaging said at least one wear take-up element so that said wear take-up element can be shifted with respect to said one of said housing and said pressure plate to compensate for wear of said friction clutch[?],

wherein said carrier bolt is screwed in said one of said housing and said pressure plate and can be rotated with respect to said one of said housing and said pressure plate in order to arrest movement of said adjusting element with respect to said one of said housing and said pressure plate.

Claim 2 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 1 wherein said wear take-up element has a toothed area and said adjusting element is rotatably supported on said one of said housing and said pressure plate and has a toothed area which engages said toothed area of said take-up element.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 1 further comprising an arresting device for arresting movement of said adjusting element with respect to said one of said housing and said pressure plate.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 2 wherein said wear take-up element comprises a circumferential area having a toothed area which engages said toothed area of said adjusting element.

Claim 7 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 6 wherein said adjusting element is located radially inside of said circumferential area of said take-up element.

Claim 8 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 1 wherein said wear take-up element is located in the path of support between the pressure plate and the force-exerting arrangement.

Claim 9 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 1 wherein said adjusting element has an actuating area with a formation which can be engaged by a tool.

Claim 10 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 9 wherein said adjusting element is supported by said pressure plate, said actuating area extending through said force-exerting arrangement so that said formation can be accessed by said tool.

Claim 11 (original): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 10 wherein said housing has an opening arranged so that said formation can be accessed by said tool.

Claim 12 (new): A pressure plate assembly for a friction clutch, said assembly comprising:

a housing having an axis of rotation;

a pressure plate connected to said housing for rotation in common about said axis;

a force exerting arrangement supported against said housing and said pressure plate along a path of support so that it can urge said pressure plate away from said housing; and

a wear take-up device comprising a wear take-up element in the path of support between the force exerting arrangement and said pressure plate, and a manually operable

adjusting element movably supported on said pressure plate, said manually operated adjusting element engaging said at least one wear take-up element so that said wear take-up element can be shifted with respect to said pressure plate to compensate for wear of said friction clutch,

wherein said adjusting element has an actuating area with a formation which can be engaged by a tool, said actuating area extending through said force-exerting arrangement so that said formation can be accessed by said tool.

Claim 13 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 12 wherein said wear take-up element has a toothed area and said adjusting element is rotatably supported on said pressure plate and has a toothed area which engages said toothed area of said take-up element.

Claim 14 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 12 further comprising a carrier bolt fixed to said pressure plate, said adjusting element being rotatably supported on said carrier bolt.

Claim 15 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 12 further comprising an arresting device for arresting movement of said adjusting element with respect to said pressure plate.

Claim 16 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 14 wherein said carrier bolt is screwed in said pressure plate and can be rotated with respect to said pressure plate in order to arrest movement of said adjusting element with respect to said pressure plate.

Claim 17 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 13 wherein said wear take-up element comprises a circumferential area having a toothed area which engages said toothed area of said adjusting element.

Claim 18 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 17 wherein said adjusting element is located radially inside of said circumferential area of said take-up element.

Claim 19 (new): A pressure plate assembly as in claim 12 wherein said housing has an opening arranged so that said formation can be accessed by said tool.